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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6829

BILL NUMBER: SB 308

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Providers of Last Resort.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hershman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that upon notice to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its obligation as the provider of last resort in any part of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area in which there are at least two communications service providers (one of which may be the incumbent local exchange carrier) offering a voice service through any technology or medium.

It provides that after June 30, 2013, upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its provider of last resort obligation with respect to any part of its service area identified in its notice. The bill specifies that relief from a provider of last resort obligation does not affect an incumbent local exchange carrier's obligations under federal law.

It also specifies that for purposes of existing law that requires the IURC to determine, under certain circumstances, a successor provider for an area in which an exiting provider ceases operations, the IURC may not designate as the successor provider an incumbent local exchange carrier that has provided notice for relief from its provider of last resort obligations with respect to the area. It amends references to federal telecommunications law made obsolete by amendments to the federal law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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